

## **Sydney Gilchrist**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Sydney Gilchrist who passed away January 23, 1931, was born in Lehi, Utah, August 2, 1876. From early manhood his name stood for a commendable degree of industry, sound judgement, diligence in business, and a valuable citizen in civic and religious affairs.

He was the son of Robert T. and Mary Jane Willes Gilchrist.

Sydney Gilchrist was educated in the New West School and Lehi, and until he was twenty years of age, he alternated between the duties of the school room and practical training to fit him for a career.

In 1896, he entered the services of the Peoples Co-operative Store of Lehi. He was with that business institution thirty years, resigning in 1926, to establish a business of his own, GILCHRIST HARDWARE, on Main Street in Lehi.

Through these years he repeatedly accepted the call of his fellow citizens to public service. He was elected for a four-year term as a member of the City Council for the years 1914-17. He served as Mayor 1918-19. Later, again he was elected to the City Council 1922-25. Again in 1938, he became Mayor and after a two year term was re-elected to that office in 1930. His administration set a high standard of efficiency.

Mr. Gilchrist was a member of the Lehi Lions Club. In his church, he was appointed and served six years 1921-27, as President of the Elders Quorum.

May 19, 1898, he married Ione Thurman, daughter of David and Elgiva Evans Thurman, of Lehi. In their family were six children: Sydney Evans, who married Harriet Myers; Elvin W., who married Lois Cowley; Robert Thurman, who married Loraine Ingersoll; Iona Beth, wife of LaVon Young; Katherine Blair, who married

Ray Carson; and Richard W., who married Stella Julian.